

town in Italy, and they married in 1975. Together, they raised their son, AJ, and daughters, Andria and Lisa—all of whom are involved in the family business. Mr. Petitti's unwavering integrity and generosity continues to spread throughout our community, where he is highly respected and admired by the community. He is a kind and humble man with a deep sense of charity.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Angelo Petitti, recipient of the 2010 Sister Michael Marie Griffin Anchor Award. Mr. Petitti personifies the American Dream and is an inspiration to us all.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,575,678,862,901.61.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,937,253,116,607.81 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$1,739,800,627,446.86 since just yesterday.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

IN HONOR OF OTIS PAUL DRAYTON, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Otis Paul Drayton Jr., a Veteran and an Olympic champion. Mr. Drayton's life was built upon a foundation of family, friends and community. His kind heart and energetic spirit will be forever remembered by those who loved him.

As a young man, Mr. Drayton moved from New York to Cleveland. He graduated from Cathedral Latin High School and went on to Villanova University where his talent as a runner was apparent. He won several national championships including a 1961 meet with the Soviet Union where Mr. Drayton set a world record for the 4 x 100 relay with a time of 39.1 seconds. In the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo where he won gold and silver medals, Mr. Drayton set the record again with a time of 39.0 seconds.

Though highly accomplished, Mr. Drayton was a kind and humble man. His quick smile and gentle nature easily endeared him to everyone. For many years he served as the Deputy Project Director for the City of Cleveland Division of Recreation and later as a part-time employee of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department. Above all else, Mr. Drayton was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Jeune.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring Otis Paul Drayton. I offer

my deepest condolences to his wife, Jeune, his son, Walter, and his extended family and friends. Mr. Drayton lived his life with great joy, energy, and a generous heart. He will never be forgotten.

HONORING EDD KELLUM HENDEE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Edd Kellum Hendee, a beloved father, husband, son and brother taken from his loving family far too soon.

A 1999 graduate of the Naval Academy who served his country honorably as a Lieutenant on the U.S.S. *Denver* during Operation Enduring Freedom, Hendee earned a Masters in English from George Mason University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

As Vice President of Acquisitions for the Starwood Capital Group, Hendee led one of the largest initial public offerings in history by balancing his keen intellect with a heart the size of Texas and his love for his Savior. Hendee also pushed the limits of his own endurance as an Ironman Triathlete.

His proud parents would tell you that their son's exceptional achievements paled in comparison to his greatest accomplishment, the family that he, and the love of his life, Claudine Moore Hendee, were building with their sons, Campbell Luke, 4, and Hudson Jacob, 2, and 8-month-old daughter Reagan Reese.

In addition to his wife and three children, Edd K. Hendee leaves behind his devoted parents, Nina Johnson and Edd Campbell Hendee, his sisters, Lisa Hendee Blackard and Kristin Ann Hendee, his mother-in-law Norma Jean Moore, father-in-law Gary Lee Moore, sisters-in-law Gena Moore Rush and Gabriella Lee Moore, brothers-in-law Chris Kirkland Blackard and David Rush, as well as friends and co-workers around the globe.

Hendee's quick smile and infectious laugh will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. If there was one thing we could learn from him, it would be to never let a minute pass without treasuring family and making every moment with them count to the absolute fullest.

IN HONOR OF FATHER JEROME LAJACK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Father Jerome Lajack, who has served as pastor of St. Wendelin Parish in Cleveland since 1977. Throughout his tenure, Father Lajack worked tirelessly to strengthen and guide the community of St. Wendelin.

A man of kindness and compassion, Father Lajack brought a sense of family and community to the St. Wendelin congregation. Moreover, he brought special attention to the needs and struggles of our most vulnerable citizens—the young and the elderly.

Father Lajack developed and instituted many new programs on behalf of children and teens, including Children's Choir, Children's Liturgy, and Vacation Bible School. He also focused on caring for the elderly of the congregation, visiting the sick and addressing the needs of the homebound. Additionally, Father Lajack has been an excellent steward of the parish, maintaining fiscal stability over three decades through the generous help of parishioners.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of Father Jerome Lajack. Father Lajack's leadership, kindness, unwavering faith and ability to improve the lives of others will endure as part of the spirit of the members of St. Wendelin Church. His impact will forever radiate far beyond the front steps of St. Wendelin's.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I regret that I missed a recorded vote on March 11, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted in support of H. Res. 1031 on agreeing to Article II of the resolution (roll No. 103).

IN HONOR OF DORIS "GRANNY D" HADDOCK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Doris "Granny D" Haddock, whose 100 years of life radiated love, energy, and belief in social justice.

Granny D and her late husband, Jim Haddock, shared a spirit of activism and a belief in giving back to the people. Together they raised two children, Elizabeth and James. Their family, which would come to include eight grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren, was a source of their joy and strength.

Granny D and her husband's commitment to public service began fifty years ago when they worked tirelessly to stop the development of a nuclear bomb test site in Alaska. Their efforts were successful and an entire Inuit fishing village was saved.

More than a decade ago, Granny D took the first step in a cross-country trek from California to Washington D.C. She walked over 3,000 miles to bring international attention to the need for campaign finance reform. After 14 months of marching eastward, and just after her ninetieth birthday, Granny D arrived at her destination. Granny D's work on behalf of this issue has taken root in her home state where New Hampshire House Bill 513 will appear on the ballot in the next election. If passed, the bill will enable candidates running for certain state senate seats to campaign with public financing.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring Doris "Granny D" Haddock. I offer my deep condolences to her son